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In re application of:

SHOHEI SATO

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THEREOF

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Thomas M. Dougherty

REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE  
OF  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(d)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The undersigned received a communication (copy attached) from the Commissioner for Patents written by the Examiner Tom Dougherty and dated October 23, 2006, which states, "The Information Disclosure Statement of 06/08/06 has not been considered since it has been submitted after indication of allowance of 04/."

The undersigned hereby request that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) of June 8, 2006 be accepted and considered by the Examiner by the following reasons since it was filed pursuant to the rules:

1. The issued communication states, "The Information Disclosure Statement of 06/08/06 has not been considered since it has been submitted after indication of allowance"; however, this is incorrect. 37 CFR 1.97(d) states, "An information disclosure statement shall be considered ... if filed ... before payment of the issue fee." An information disclosure statement should be considered if it is filed before payment of the issue fee, and the June 8, 2006 IDS (it was actually mailed out by the undersigned on June 6, 2006 by First Class Mail of USPS) was filed "before payment of the issue fee," since the issue fee payment for the present

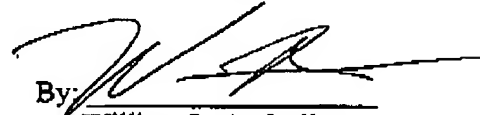
application was made on July 24, 2006 (see the attached copy of the Fee Transmittal which contains mailing certificate of July 24, 2006 signed by the undersigned).

2. 37 CFR 1.97(d) further provides, "An information disclosure statement shall be considered ... if the information disclosure statement ... is accompanied by: (1) The statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section, and (2) The fee set forth in 1.17(p)." As seen from the attached copy of the June 8, 2006 IDS, (1) the required "statement" is present in the upper part of page 2 of the IDS, and (2) the required fee was paid as stated in the middle portion of page 2 of the IDS and as seen from the copy of the cashed check (furthermore, the June 8, 2006 IDS contains a statement, "Please charge any additional cost incurred by or in order to implement this Information Disclosure Statement to Koda and Androlia Deposit Account No. 11-1445.")

3. In view of the above, it is apparent that the IDS of June 8, 2006 was duly filed timely and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97(d); and it is hereby requested that the June 8, 2006 IDS be entered and considered.

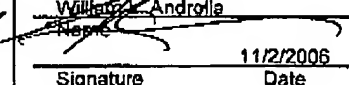
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